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1. The Macva construction-lumber plant in Banja Koviljaca produces lumber used by military construction enterprises, and has consequently been militarized. It is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Defense.
2. The enterprise has three workshops which operate continuously; that is, in three shifts. In the early part of 1949 the plant imported new machinery from Holland for the large carpenter workshop. This consisted of four large cutting machines, two large circular saws and a large number of smaller machines. In addition to these newly procured machines the enterprise is equipped with old machines of German make, all of which are in good repair. The machinery is electrically driven, the electrical energy being provided by the thermo-electric plant of the enterprise.
3. The director of the factory is an unspecified captain. Approximately 400 workers, all of whom belong to activated military units, and one workers' battalion are employed constantly in the enterprise. The technical and administrative staff numbers about 35, most of whom are military personnel.
4. The workers' battalion of the Macva enterprise is composed as follows:
 - a. Headquarters Command:

Commander: Captain Peter Vice
Political Commissar: Lt. Sukovic
Youth Leader: Lt. Cvijic
Adjutant: A senior platoon (?) leader
Economist: A Communist Party member in military service.
Two clerks in military service.
 - b. The battalion has three companies each of 150 men, which are divided into three platoons. This division is not noticeable because the soldiers are distributed among various units in accordance with the needs of the work.
 - c. In addition to the three companies, the battalion has one guard unit, a squad of 18 men under the command of a senior platoon (?) leader and his assistant. This is the only unit in the entire battalion which is armed, since the soldiers, with the exception of officers and non-commissioned officers, have no weapons. The squad is equipped with two German rifles and Mauser pistols.

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- d. The service unit, composed of 30 men (carpenters, tailors, shoemakers and cooks), is commanded by a young unit leader.
5. The battalion is equipped with one truck which is used to transport the men to distant construction sites, and to bring in food from the quarter-master depot in Loznica.

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